Dear Ethan,

I understand that the Division has to do what is necessary to ensure health insurance carriers continue to offer coverage in Oregon, but I wanted to go on the record and convey my feeling about the current situation.

Currently, I am 58 years old and healthy and my 2018 health insurance premium will cost me more than the mortgage on my home. There has never been a point in my life that I haven't had health insurance but the day is coming that I fear I will end up having to sacrifice my insurance due to the rising costs. Fortunately, the ACA passed when it did because the insurance companies considered me uninsurable due to the fact that I took Vicodin for monthly cramps. They said pre-existing condition, I say cherry picking. When the current administration decides to do away with the pre-existing conditions mandate, millions of us will be doomed.....again.

I am angry and appalled that our government representatives and the insurance industry can't get their act together and work out a viable solution that doesn't put ordinary people's health in harm's way. And it is truly despicable that we have a president who finds it acceptable to use people who need health insurance as political pawns. He doesn't care who he hurts and In his eyes, we don't even exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to vent.

Best wishes to you in the days ahead.

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